COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

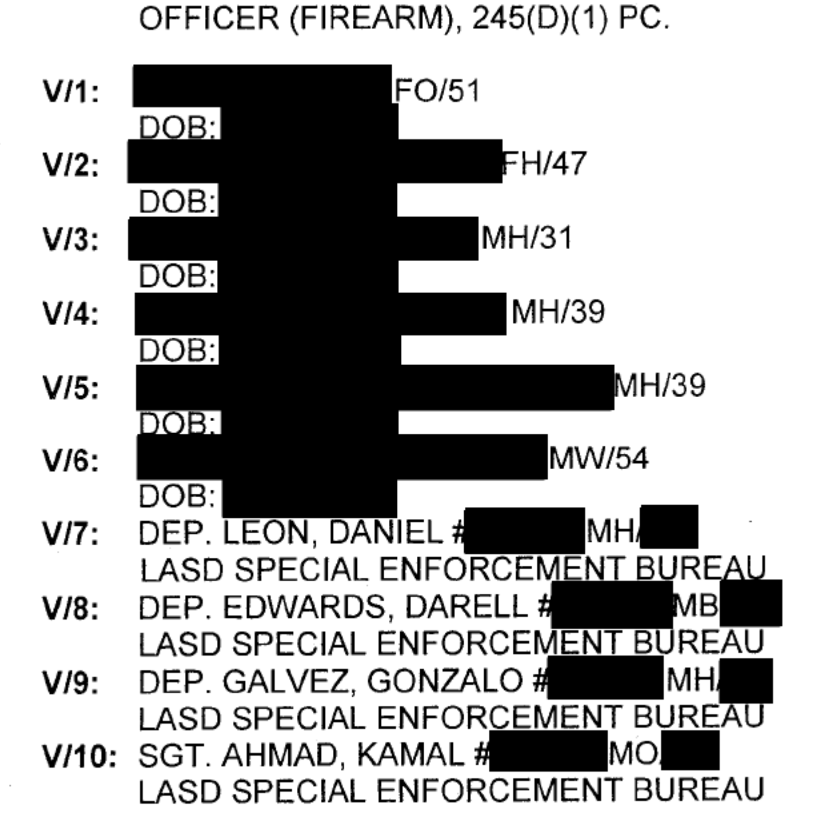
DATE: SEPTEMBER 11, 2015

FILE NO.: 015-00063-3199-013

C: GRAND THEFT (AUTO), 487(D)(1) PC, CARJACKING (ARMED), 215 PC, FELONY RECKLESS EVADING 2800.2 CVC, FALSE IMPRISONMENT OF A HOSTAGE, 210.5 PC, ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON (FIREARM), 245(A)(2) PC, ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON ON A PEACE OFFICER (FIREARM), 245(D)(1) PC.

ACTION: ACTIVE/VICTIMS AND WITNESSES INTERVIEWED/EVIDENCE COLLECTED

CC #2015-06343



V/1: [redacted] FO/51
DOB: [redacted]

V/2: [redacted] FH/47
DOB: [redacted]

V/3: [redacted] MH/31
DOB: [redacted]

V/4: [redacted] MH/39
DOB: [redacted]

V/5: [redacted] MH/39
DOB: [redacted]

V/6: [redacted] MW/54
DOB: [redacted]

V/7: DEP. LEON, DANIEL #[redacted] MH/[redacted]
LASD SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT BUREAU

V/8: DEP. EDWARDS, DARELL #[redacted] MB[redacted]
LASD SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT BUREAU

V/9: DEP. GALVEZ, GONZALO #[redacted] MH/[redacted]
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V/10: SGT. AHMAD, KAMAL #[redacted] MO[redacted]
LASD SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT BUREAU

D: SEPTEMBER 10, 2015, THURSDAY,
2052 HOURS

L: DBA: CHRIS & PITTS BARBEQUE
9243 LAKEWOOD BLVD.
DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA 90240

S: TAPIA, EDDIE MH/41
DOB: 06-24-1974 (DECEASED)
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EVIDENCE HELD:

EV #DA-1 Rifle, "Colt" model M4 Commando, .223 caliber, selectable automatic or semi-automatic, blue steel, serial number #[redacted] collected from Deputy Daniel Leon on 09-11-2015.

EV #DA-2 Rifle, "Heckler and Koch" model MP5, 9mm, selectable automatic or semi-automatic, blue steel, serial number #[redacted] collected from Deputy Darell Edwards on 09-11-2015.

EV #DA-3 Pistol, "Beretta" model 92A1, 9mm, semi-automatic, blue steel, serial number #K[redacted]Z, with a mounted "Sure Fire" flashlight and a grip activated light switch, collected from Deputy Gonzalo Galvez on 09-11-2015.

EV #DA-4 Rifle, "Colt" model M4, .223 caliber, selectable automatic or semi-automatic, blue steel, serial number #[redacted] collected from Sergeant Kamal Ahmad on 09-11-2015.

RESPONSE:

On 09-10-2015 (Thursday), Investigators Tim O'Quinn, #[redacted] and Judy Luera, #[redacted] were detailed to investigate the facts and circumstances surrounding a deputy involved shooting incident. The incident occurred at approximately 2052 hours on 09-10-2015 inside of the "Chris & Pitt's" restaurant, located at 9243 Lakewood Boulevard, in the city of Downey. The incident began with a pursuit of a stolen car from East Los Angeles and carjacking which involved various jurisdictions and law enforcement agencies. At the conclusion of the vehicle pursuit, the incident escalated into a hostage situation inside of the Chris & Pitts Restaurant and ended with a fatal deputy involved shooting.

Investigators O'Quinn and Luera arrived at the command post (9240 Lakewood Boulevard, Downey) at approximately 2247 hours. Upon arrival, Investigators were briefed by deputies from the East Los Angeles Sheriff's Station, Pico Rivera Sheriff's Station, California Highway Patrol, Downey Police Department, Montebello Police Department and Whittier Police Department Officers. Personnel from these agencies were involved in pursuits of the suspect prior to the deputy involved shooting.



East Los Angeles Sheriff's Deputy Joseph Manfree, #[redacted] advised investigators that on 09-10-2015, at approximately 1815 hours a vehicle (CA#[redacted]) was reported stolen to the East Los Angeles Sheriff's Station (Documented under Sheriff's file # 915-12891-0246-091). The above vehicle was equipped with "Lo-Jack", an electronic tracking device system. At approximately 1839 hours, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Aero Bureau helicopter (Air 21) advised Downey Police Department Officers of a Lo-Jack tracking signal activation in the city of Downey. The vehicle was described as a white "Honda Civic" (CA#[redacted]) and confirmed to be the previously mentioned stolen vehicle.

Downey Police Officers [redacted], #[redacted] (Unit [redacted]) and [redacted] #[redacted] (Unit [redacted]) located the stolen vehicle and initiated a vehicle pursuit. Officers noted the suspect was driving at a high rate of speed, ignoring traffic signals and endangering the safety of the public. Officers [redacted] and [redacted] eventually terminated the vehicle pursuit and Air 21 continued tracking the suspect vehicle by utilizing surveillance mode.

The suspect vehicle then entered the city of Santa Fe Springs where Whittier Police Department Officers [redacted], #[redacted] and [redacted], #[redacted] located and initiated a second vehicle pursuit. As officers approached the area of Whittier Boulevard and Broadway Avenue, the suspect abandoned the Honda and fled on foot. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Aero Bureau helicopter (Air 21) advised officers that the suspect carjacked (Documented under Sheriff's file# 915-07085-1575-048) a female victim who had been driving a beige "Toyota Camry" (CA#[redacted]). The suspect vehicle fled the area at which time Whittier Police Department officers terminated their pursuit.

After the carjacking, the suspect vehicle entered the city of Montebello where Police Officers [redacted], #[redacted], [redacted] #[redacted] [redacted] #[redacted] and [redacted], #[redacted] located the vehicle and initiated a third pursuit (Documented under file # 15-5770). Officers pursued the carjacking vehicle for a short distance until they were directed by their dispatch to terminate the pursuit. The suspect vehicle fled the area, and was last seen northbound on the 710 freeway.

California Highway Patrol Officers ([redacted] #[redacted] #[redacted], [redacted], #[redacted], [redacted] #[redacted] [redacted] #[redacted] and Sergeant [redacted] #[redacted]) located the suspect vehicle on the 710 freeway and initiated another vehicle pursuit (Documented under Log#385). The suspect vehicle exited the freeway and drove southbound on Lakewood Boulevard (Downey) at a high rate of speed. The pursuit terminated when California Highway Patrol Officer [redacted] #[redacted] initiated a "pit maneuver" (pursuit immobilization technique) of the suspect's vehicle which caused it to collide into a parked vehicle and stop.



The suspect exited his vehicle, fired one shot into the air as he ran into the Chris & Pitts Restaurant where he barricaded himself. Officers learned that there were several restaurant patrons and employees being held inside the restaurant against their will. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB) responded to the scene and assessed the situation. Based on the critical situation and information provided regarding the suspect's violent behavior and criminal acts previously mentioned, SEB made the decision to implement a crisis entry into the restaurant and rescue the hostages. Special Enforcement Bureau Deputy Leon, fearing for the lives of the hostages fired rounds from his long-rifle position, striking the suspect. A crisis entry was called and SEB personnel made entry and engaged the suspect and ultimately ended the standoff.

The suspect was pronounced deceased by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Emergency Services Deputy Stephan Doucette #[redacted](Paramedic) at 2106 hours. The crime scene was immediately cordoned off with yellow crime scene tape and monitored by uniformed East Los Angeles Sheriff's Deputies for scene preservation.

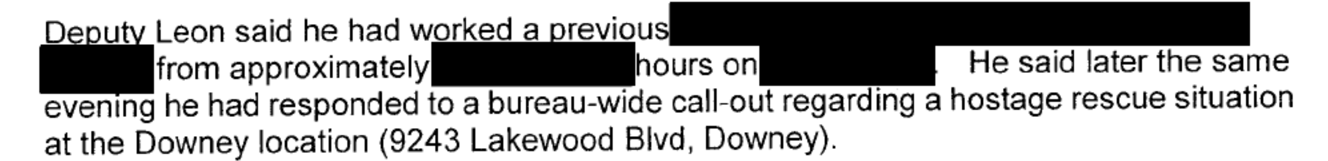
Investigators were assisted at the scene by Investigators Ray Lugo, #[redacted] Marcelo Quintero, #[redacted], Robert Gray, #[redacted] Robert Kenney, #[redacted], Daniel Morris, #[redacted], Richard Tomlin, #[redacted], Troy Ewing, #[redacted], Theo Baljet, #[redacted] Dave Gunner, #[redacted] and Frederick Morse, #[redacted] Investigators Lugo, Quintero and Gray were assigned to document the interior and exterior of the Chris & Pitts Restaurant and to collect evidence. Investigator Kenny was assigned to document and collect evidence of the secondary scene at the termination of the vehicle pursuit, and to act as a liaison between the various agencies. Investigators Morris, Tomlin, Ewing, Baljet, Gunner and Morse were assigned to interview witnesses to the shooting incident. All assisting Investigators will prepare supplemental reports of their actions and observations at the scene and those supplemental reports will become a permanent part of this investigation.

At the scene, Investigators were assisted by Forensic Identification Specialists David Alonso, #[redacted] Michelle Acevedo, # [redacted] Michael Bayer, #[redacted]and Deputy Brian James, #[redacted] from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department of Scientific Services Bureau who were responsible for documenting, photographing, evidence collection, and creating a sketch of the scene. Senior Firearms Examiner Manny Munoz, #[redacted] was tasked with examining the scene, documentation and the collection of any ballistic evidence. Deputy [redacted] #[redacted] and Sergeant [redacted], #[redacted] from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Special Investigations Unit responded and assisted investigators regarding the obtaining of surveillance video. For all information pertaining to the above assisting personnel's actions and activities, refer to their supplemental reports, which will become a permanent part of this investigation.

INTERVIEW OF DEPUTY DANIEL LEON

On 09-11-2015 at approximately 0143 hours, Investigators Tim O'Quinn and Judy Luera conducted an interview of Deputy Daniel Leon, #[redacted] at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Special Enforcement Bureau facility. The following is a synopsis of the recorded interview with Deputy Leon. For details of the interview, refer to the digital audio disc, which will become a permanent part of the Investigator's file.

Deputy Leon said he has been a deputy for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department since June of 1996. He has been assigned to the Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB) since July of 2010. Deputy Leon's designated call sign is "244H." At the time of the incident on 09-10-2015, Deputy Leon was wearing a green military style uniform (pants and shirt) with a protective outer vest and helmet. His outer vest displayed Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department insignia and patches. Deputy Leon was wearing a gun belt with a Sig Sauer model 226 9mm semi-automatic handgun and was also carrying a .223 caliber Colt model M4 Commando rifle.



Deputy Leon said he had worked a previous [redacted] from approximately [redacted] hours on [redacted]. He said later the same evening he had responded to a bureau-wide call-out regarding a hostage rescue situation at the Downey location (9243 Lakewood Blvd, Downey).

Deputy Leon said he had seen the incident unfolding on the news prior to responding to the location. He said upon arrival, he received a briefing from other SEB personnel and was placed on the #2 "crisis entry" team which was formed at the scene. Deputy Leon stated he was designated to utilize his M4 rifle to watch and monitor the interior of the "Chris & Pitts Barbeque" restaurant from a window just outside a north wall of the restaurant. Investigators had earlier noted this window provided a southerly view into the interior kitchen area of the location. The dining area was also partially visible from the window via an open doorway and wall opening. Deputy Leon utilized a milk crate to elevate his position as he looked into the window.

Deputy Leon stated several other crisis team #2 members were positioned on the same side of the building as he was. He said SEB personnel who had formed as crisis team #1 were positioned on the exterior southeast corner of the building, near the east facing front doors. Deputy Leon had been told the suspect had perpetrated two armed carjacking incidents during a dangerous police pursuit and had fired his weapon at police while running into the occupied restaurant. He said he had also been told that approximately five civilian hostages were still inside and some of initial hostages who had been allowed to leave had stated the suspect said "this was going to be it for him and this was the way he was going to go out." Deputy Leon was told the suspect remained armed and was wearing a blue t-shirt and had a shaved head.



As Deputy Leon looked through the window he observed the suspect in the doorway leading from the kitchen to the dining area. Deputy Leon said a food serving station was between his position and the suspect but he saw him clearly. He saw several of the civilian hostages walking and moving in the same area. Deputy Leon could not hear anything being said by the suspect or the hostages.

While positioned at the window, Deputy Leon was informed that contact had been made with the suspect and he was refusing to surrender. Contact with the suspect had subsequently been lost. Deputy Leon maintained visual contact with the suspect during most of this time, which lasted only a couple of minutes.

Deputy Leon observed the suspect had a handgun in his left hand. He described the handgun as silver with a black handle. He relayed this information to other members of the crisis teams. Deputy Leon also saw that the suspect was drinking from a red cup. He continued to see civilian hostages moving around and pacing back and forth. He recalled one of the hostages was wearing a plaid shirt and said he continued moving back and forth in the dining area to the east of the kitchen doorway.

Deputy Leon said he maintained his position until he was advised that both crisis teams were in position should any rescue action be necessary. Deputy Leon said the suspect continued to visibly display the handgun in his left hand several more times. He said he was concerned that the suspect would begin executing hostages and felt that the lives of the hostages were in extreme and immediate danger.

After verifying that the area behind the suspect was clear, Deputy Leon said he fired two rounds from his M4 rifle at the suspect. He said after firing, he saw the suspect exit the kitchen doorway area into the east portion of the dining area and move out of his view.

At this time, Deputy Leon said he heard an explosive breaching charge deploy from the north side of the building where he was located. He also heard the crisis #1 team make entry into the building from the east front doors. Deputy Leon heard several gunshots after the team made entry into the location.

Deputy Leon said he had entered the building after the gunshots. He said he observed the civilian hostage in the plaid shirt face down under one of the tables and saw the suspect lying on the floor being treated by paramedics from the LASD Emergency Services Detail (ESD). After leaving the scene, Deputy Leon returned to the Special Enforcement Bureau pending the arrival of Investigators.

Investigators O'Quinn and Luera collected a .223 caliber Colt model M4 Commando rifle (serial number #[redacted]) from Deputy Leon (EV/DA-1). Deputy Leon told investigators that on 09-10-2015, the magazine of the rifle had been loaded with approximately 27 rounds of .223 ammunition, with one round in the firing chamber. He carried additional magazines, none of which had been used during the incident. At the time of collection, Investigators observed that one .223 round was chambered and there



were a total of 25 .223 rounds in the magazine, indicating that Deputy Leon had fired approximately two rounds. All rounds were head stamped "SPEER 14 .223 REM".

Deputy Leon had nothing further to add and the interview was terminated.

INTERVIEW OF DEPUTY DARELL EDWARDS

On 09-11-2015 at approximately 0220 hours, Investigators Tim O'Quinn and Judy Luera conducted an interview of Deputy Darell Edwards #[redacted] at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Special Enforcement Bureau facility. The following is a synopsis of the recorded interview with Deputy Edwards. For details of the interview, refer to the digital audio disc, which will become a permanent part of the Investigator's file.

Deputy Edwards said he has been a deputy for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department since September of 1999. He has been assigned to the Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB) since April of 2010. Deputy Edward's designated call sign is "243B." At the time of the incident on 09-10-2015, Deputy Edwards was wearing a green military style uniform (pants and shirt) with a protective outer vest and helmet. His outer vest displayed Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department insignia and patches. Deputy Edwards was wearing a gun belt with a Beretta 92FS 9mm semi-automatic handgun and was also carrying a 9mm Heckler and Koch model MP5 rifle.

Deputy Edwards said he had worked a previous [redacted] on [redacted] He said he had responded to a bureau-wide call-out regarding a hostage rescue situation at the Downey location (9243 Lakewood Blvd, Downey) on the evening of 09-10-2015.

Deputy Edwards said he had seen the incident unfolding on the news prior to responding. He said upon arrival, he received a briefing from other SEB personnel and was placed on the #1 "crisis entry" team which was formed at the scene. Deputy Edwards had been told the suspect had perpetrated a carjacking during a police pursuit and had fired his weapon while running into the occupied "Chris & Pitts" restaurant. He said he had also been told that the suspect remained armed and that civilian hostages were still inside. Deputy Edwards said some of initial hostages had exited the restaurant. He was told the suspect had made statements to some of the initial hostages similar to "this is it, this is how I'm going out." Deputy Edwards took this to mean that the suspect was not going to surrender or release his hostages. He believed the civilian hostages were in great danger. Deputy Edwards said additional information had been received indicating that the suspect may have pulled three of the hostages into the restroom at the location and was possibly holding them at gunpoint in that room.

Deputy Edwards stated he was designated to stage just east of the main east entrance to the location with the #1 crisis entry team. Deputy Edwards said there were open shutters on the front windows of the location and the suspect was pointed out to him by other SEB personnel. He could see the suspect in the kitchen area of the restaurant and observed



that he was talking on a phone at the time. Deputy Edwards said he believed the suspect was possibly speaking with SEB K-9 handler Pat Hayes at the time. He said the suspect was a male Hispanic, in his early to mid-30's, with a shaved head. From his position, Deputy Edwards did not see a weapon at that time. He said he saw civilian hostages who appeared to be moving around at the direction of the suspect.

Deputy Edwards said his crisis team was assigned to make an entry plan to enter the location if an emergency response became necessary to rescue the hostages. He said he believed the suspect utilized one of the hostages to close the front window shutters at some point. Deputy Edwards said it was decided that his team would be the primary entry team to enter and confront the suspect should a hostage rescue entry become necessary.

Deputy Edwards said the suspect told deputies via telephone that he would not surrender and was not going to exit the building. He now believed that the suspect was not going to negotiate and that he would possibly kill the hostages. Deputy Edwards said a male wearing a plaid shirt and a baseball cap opened the front door of the location from the inside and yelled out, requesting a cell phone charger. He said he believed this was one of the hostages. The male soon closed the front door and returned inside.

Moments later, Deputy Edwards heard two gunshots, followed by an announcement via radio of "crisis now, crisis now." He did not know who had fired the rounds. He said an explosive breach was made on a door to the north side of the location. Deputy Edwards said his team immediately began to make the initial entry into the location via the east-facing front door. Prior to entering, Deputy Edwards said he heard a third gunshot. He did not know who had fired the third round. He now believed that the suspect was in the process of shooting hostages and/or firing his weapon from inside the location.

Deputy Edwards entered the interior of the restaurant and was the first person inside. He said he immediately saw blood on the floor of the restaurant. He said he saw the male in the plaid shirt standing near a bar area to his right. Deputy Edwards saw another male lying down near a table to his left. He said all persons inside were ordered to lie on the ground as the team moved to the west inside the location.

Deputy Edwards said he was unsure how many hostages were inside the location and believed that some may be to the rear (west end) of the restaurant. He said Deputy Ricardo Munoz was utilizing a protective shield and called out "suspect deep", indicating the suspect was farther to the west inside the location.

Deputy Edwards said he then saw the suspect with a silver or chrome semi-automatic handgun in his left hand. The suspect was on his knees moving west towards the rear of the restaurant. He said he yelled, "Get down, get down, get down." Deputy Edwards said he was approximately 10 to 15 feet east of the suspect. He said the suspect was moving west and crawling on his hands and knees with the gun still in his left hand. Deputy Edwards said he saw the suspect begin to raise his left hand while still holding the

gun and still moving in a crawling manner to the west. He said the suspect also looked back towards the east in the direction of deputies.

Deputy Edwards said that based on the blood he had seen on the floor, he believed the suspect may have already of shot one of the hostages and that he may be attempting to shoot another hostage somewhere towards the direction of where the suspect was facing (west). He explained that there were multiple unseen areas of the restaurant to the west where additional hostages could have been hiding, all of which were out of his (Edward's) view. He also believed the suspect might have been attempting to engage the entry team with the handgun as it began to raise off of the floor.

Deputy Edwards said he fired three rounds from his MP5 rifle at the suspect, striking the suspect in his back area. He said he heard additional gunfire coming from other deputy personnel. Deputy Edwards said the suspect now appeared to be lying down on the ground with the weapon still in his hand. He said he advised deputy personnel behind him that he would continue to cover the suspect as hostages were removed from the location.

Deputy Edwards said the second crisis team entered and assisted in clearing the remainder of the location for other possible hostages or other threats. He said Deputy Galvez removed the weapon from the suspect's hand by using his foot and slid it a short distance to the south. Deputy Edwards said paramedics from the Emergency Services Detail (ESD) immediately entered and attempted to provide medical aid to the suspect.

After leaving the scene, Deputy Edwards returned to the Special Enforcement Bureau pending the arrival of Investigators.

Investigators O'Quinn and Luera collected a 9mm Heckler and Koch model MP5 rifle (serial number #[redacted] from Deputy Edwards (EV/DA-2). Deputy Edwards told Investigators that on 09-10-2015, the magazine of the rifle had been loaded with 28 rounds of 9mm ammunition, with one round in the firing chamber. He carried additional magazines, none of which had been used during the incident. At the time of collection, Investigators observed that no round was chambered and there were a total of 26 9mm rounds in the magazine, indicating that Deputy Edwards had fired three rounds. All rounds were head stamped "WIN 9MM LUGER".

Deputy Edwards had nothing further to add and the interview was terminated.

INTERVIEW OF DEPUTY GONZALO GALVEZ

On 09-11-2015 at approximately 0303 hours, Investigators Tim O'Quinn and Judy Luera conducted an interview of Deputy Gonzalo Galvez, #[redacted] at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Special Enforcement Bureau facility. The following is a synopsis of the recorded interview with Deputy Galvez. For details of the interview, refer to the digital audio disc, which will become a permanent part of the Investigator's file.



Deputy Galvez said he has been a deputy for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department since September of 1999. He has been assigned to the Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB) since June of 2010. Deputy Galvez designated call sign is "241J." At the time of the incident on 09-10-2015, Deputy Galvez was wearing a green military style uniform (pants and shirt) with a protective outer vest and helmet. His outer vest displayed Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department insignia and patches. Deputy Galvez was wearing a gun belt with a Beretta 9mm semi-automatic handgun and was also carrying a Koch model MP5 rifle.

Deputy Galvez said he was at home and responded to a bureau-wide call-out regarding a hostage rescue situation at the Downey location (9243 Lakewood Blvd, Downey) on the evening of 09-10-2015. Upon arrival, Deputy Galvez was briefed by other SEB personnel and placed on the #1 crisis entry team on the east side of the location. Deputy Galvez learned that several law enforcement agencies had been involved in a vehicle pursuit of a carjacking suspect. He learned that at the termination of the pursuit, the suspect shot several rounds from a handgun and barricaded himself inside of a restaurant and was holding several hostages inside against their will. Deputy Galvez also learned that the suspect was holding the hostages at gun point and he had made several statements to crisis negotiators that "this is the way he was going to go out". Deputy Galvez was told that the male suspect was wearing shorts and blue shirt. Deputy Galvez feared that the situation was rapidly evolving and he feared the hostages lives were in eminent danger.

Deputy Galvez' duties were to breach the front door of the restaurant in the event that the hostages were in danger of getting shot by the suspect. Deputy Galvez slung his MP5 on his back so he could maneuver the pick and ram. Deputy Galvez saw the front entrance door open and a male hostage came to the door and told them that the suspect wanted a cellphone charger. Deputy Galvez attempted to persuade the male hostage to step outside of the building but he hesitated and remained inside of the doorway. The male hostage appeared extremely distressed and made facial gestures toward the kitchen area (north side). The hostage told Deputy Galvez that he could not come outside and he eventually closed the front door.

Deputy Galvez was unable to see the position of the suspect at this time. Deputy Galvez heard a single gunshot coming from the #4 side (north) of the restaurant. At that time Deputy Galvez heard through radio communications that a crisis entry was declared and they made immediate entry to prevent any of the hostages from being shot. Deputy Galvez learned that other team members were attempting to breach the door of the north side of the restaurant. As Deputy Galvez and his team made entry through the front door he heard additional gunfire coming from inside the restaurant. He did not know who had fired the additional gunfire and feared that the hostages were being shot by the suspect.

After Deputy Galvez entered the front doorway he turned toward the right side and into the dining room area. He saw a blood trail coming from the kitchen and into the dining room area. Deputy Galvez saw a hostage lying on the ground directly next to the blood



trail and he feared that the hostage had been shot. Deputy Galvez saw several hostages running in different directions while others were hiding underneath the tables. Deputy Galvez continued moving forward and scanning the area looking for the suspect.

He saw the suspect in a low crawl position with one hand underneath his body while simultaneously pushing upward and attempting to move west toward the back dining room. Deputy Galvez did not know if there were other hostages in the back dining room and he believed that the first hostage he had seen had been shot. Deputy Galvez demonstrated how the suspect was attempting to conceal the handgun in his left hand then eventually brought it out from under his body toward his direction. Deputy Galvez feared that one of the hostages had already been shot and feared that other hostages would be shot. Deputy Galvez used lethal force and fired approximately 5-6 rounds at the suspect from his 9MM Beretta.

The suspect stopped moving his arm and Deputy Galvez moved closer to him and held him at gunpoint. He heard other crisis team members make entry and they quickly evacuated the remaining hostages. Deputy Galvez attempted to kick the handgun out of the suspect's hand but the suspect had a strong grip on the handgun. Deputy Galvez had to pry open the suspect's hand without the use of gloves. Deputy Galvez saw that the suspect's finger was in the trigger guard and on the trigger. He moved the gun a safe distance south of the suspect. The suspect was no longer moving and he appeared to be unconscious. Deputy Galvez said paramedics from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Emergency Services Detail (ESD) immediately entered the location and attempted to render medical aid to the suspect.

After leaving the scene, Deputy Galvez returned to the Special Enforcement Bureau pending the arrival of Investigators.

Investigators O'Quinn and Luera collected a Beretta 9mm semi-automatic handgun, (serial number #K[redacted]Z) from Deputy Galvez (EV/DA-3). The weapon had an attached "Surefire" light and a grip mounted light switch. Deputy Galvez told Investigators that on 09-10-2015, his handgun magazine had been loaded with 14 rounds of 9mm ammunition, with one additional round in the firing chamber. He carried additional magazines on his gun belt, none of which had been used during the incident. At the time of collection, Investigators observed that no round was chambered and there were a total of nine 9MM rounds in the magazine, indicating that Deputy Galvez had fired six rounds. All rounds were head stamped "WIN 9MM LUGER".

Deputy Galvez had nothing further to add and the interview was terminated.

INTERVIEW OF SERGEANT KAMAL AHMAD

On 09-11-2015 at approximately 0335 hours, Investigators Tim O'Quinn and Judy Luera conducted an interview of Sergeant Kamal Ahmad #[redacted] at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Special Enforcement Bureau facility. The following is a synopsis of



the recorded interview with Sergeant Ahmad. For details of the interview, refer to the digital audio disc, which will become a permanent part of the Investigator's file.

Sergeant Ahmad said he has been a deputy for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department since June of 1995. He has been assigned to the Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB) since November of 2010. At the time of the incident on 09-10-2015, Sergeant Ahmad was wearing a green military style uniform (pants and shirt) with a protective outer vest and helmet. His outer vest displayed Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department insignia and patches. Sergeant Ahmad was wearing a gun belt with a Beretta 9mm semi-automatic handgun and was also carrying a .223 caliber Colt model M4 rifle.

Sergeant Ahmad responded from the Special Enforcement Bureau facility where he was monitoring a vehicle pursuit which ended and developed into a hostage situation. Sergeant Ahmad responded to a bureau-wide call-out hostage rescue situation at the Downey location (9243 Lakewood Blvd, Downey) on the evening of 09-10-2015. Upon arrival, Sergeant Ahmad was briefed by Downey Police Officers and California Highway Patrol Officers who confirmed that a suspect was armed with a handgun and had fired several shots into the air prior to barricading himself inside the location with several hostages. Sergeant Ahmad learned that the suspect was a male Hispanic who was wearing a blue shirt, shorts and had facial hair.

As Sergeant Ahmad awaited for additional bureau members to arrive, he saw numerous hostages moving around inside the location from an open window on # 1 side (front) of the location. Sergeant Ahmad said the window blinds were initially open and he observed movement in the kitchen area and determined that it was a male who matched the suspect description provided by officers. Sergeant Ahmad became concerned because he observed a second male wearing a tank top inside the restaurant who also matched the suspect description.

Sergeant Ahmad was initially told that there were approximately 4-20 hostages inside the restaurant. Several hostages were eventually allowed to exit the location and were interviewed by officers about the situation. The hostages said that there were approximately 5-6 employees who remained inside the location and the suspect was becoming extremely agitated. The suspect was seen pointing his firearm at the hostages and he made statements indicating that he was not going to be taken into custody. He also learned that the suspect was huddling the hostages inside the restroom located on the 3-4 corner (north west) of the lcoation. Based on the suspect's statements and his violent actions involving the carjacking, vehicle pursuit and firing of a weapon, Sergeant Ahmad believed that the hostage's lives were in eminent danger. Sergeant Ahmad waited for additional bureau members to arive with the breaching tools and explosives needed to make an effective entry. He tried to formualte a plan on how to evacuate the hostages without the suspect's knowledge. Sergeant Ahmad tried to establish positvie dialougue with the suspect and hostages while waiting for the Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) to arrive. He learned that contact numbers belonging to the



one of the hostages and the suspect were obtained. Sergeant Hayes made contact with the suspect but he abruptly ended the call with him. They also attemtped to make conatct with one of the hostages but the call did not go through.

SEB members eventaully arrived and they formulated a plan and designated crisis team #1 at the front (east) side and crisis team #2 on the north side near the kitchen area. Crisis team #1 was designated to breach the front door and crisis team 2 was going to make a simultaneous entry if the need arose with an expolsive charge on the back door. A crisis entry is called when any member of the SEB crisis team observes any actions from the suspect or hostages that necessitate an immediate entry. Sergeant Ahmad was positioned in front of the location with the crisis team #1 members when he heard 2 gunshots and a crisis entry was called. Once they made entry through the front door he heard additional gunfire and he saw numerous hostages on the floor and other hostages throughout the dining room.

Sergeant Ahmad and his team moved forward and attempted to locate the position of the suspect. He saw a "blurr" on a walkway which led to the back seating area (3 side) of the location. The shield man yelled out "the suspect is deep, suspect is deep " and Sergeant Ahmad and Deputy Galvez focused their attention back to the walkway where he had seen the blurr (3-side). Sergeant Ahmad saw the suspect on the floor crawling toward the back seating area while holding a shinny gun in his left hand. Sergeant Ahmad was concerned that the earlier gunfire may have come from the suspect shooting hostages. He believed that the suspect was moving toward the back seating area to shoot additional hostages. The suspect was crawling forward and he appeared capable of firing additiona shots.

Sergeant Ahmad engaged the suspect with his M4 rifle. After the shooting the suspect continued moving and they covered him until the remaining hostages were evacuated. Sergeant Ahmad approached the suspect and he instructed Deputy Galvez to remove the gun out of the suspects's hand. Sergeant Ahmad observed that the suspect's finger was on the trigger and there was a large pool of blood underneath him.

Emergency Services Detail paramedics were requested to medically treat the suspect. Suspect Tapia was pronounced deceased at the scene. After leaving the scene, Sergeant Ahmad returned to the Special Enforcement Bureau pending the arrival of Investigators.

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Sergeant Ahmad had nothing further to add and the interview was terminated.

AUTOPSY

On 09-15-2015 at approximately 1400 hours, Investigator Luera attended the post-mortem examination of Suspect Eddie Tapia at the Los Angeles County Coroner's Office. Doctor Young performed the examination. After the examination was completed, Doctor Young stated the suspect's mode of death was homicide and the cause was multiple gunshot wounds. Doctor Young will prepare detailed reports of his findings during the autopsy. Those reports will become a permanent part of this investigation.

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